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SUBJECT: MATTERS RELATING TO KIM TAE CHUNG KIDNAPPING -
PRESS GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR A
NOON BRIEFING ON MATTERS RELATING TO KIM TAE CHUNG
KIDNAPPING:

Q. COULD YOU VERIFY JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER HATOYAMA'S
STATEMENT TO THE DIET MEMBERS THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT
ACTED AS AN INTERMEDIARY BY RELAYING FORMER KCIA TOKYO
STATION CHIEF KIM JAE-KON'S MESSAGE THAT HE WOULD TESTIFY
ON THE 1973 KIDNAPPING OF KIM TAE-CHUNG FROM TOKYO TO
SEOUL? HE WAS FURTHER REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT HE
WOULD DO SO ONLY OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE HIS
FAMILY IS LIVING IN THE U.S.A.

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A. AT THE REQUEST OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT CONTACTED MR. KIM JAE-KON AND CONVEYED
CERTAIN QUESTIONS TO HIM. WITH MR. KIM'S CONCURRENCE A
RESPONSE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RELAYED TO THE JAPANESE GOVERN-
MENT THROUGH THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

Q. SECONDLY, UNDER WHAT STATUS ARE KIM AND HIS FAMILY

LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES? IN LIGHT OF HIS ROLE IN THE KIDNAPPING, DID THE STATE DEPARTMENT REFER HIS CASE TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT? AFTER ALL, KIM WAS IDENTIFIED BY FORMER KCIA DIRECTOR KIM HYUNG-WOOK AS HAVING PERSONALLY DIRECTED THE KIDNAPPING AT THE FRASER COMMITTEE HEARINGS.

A. MR. KIM AND HIS FAMILY ARE PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS. AS SUCH HE IS PROTECTED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND I THEREFORE CANNOT DISCUSS THE SUBSTANCE OF ANY PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS WITH OR ABOUT HIM.

Q. ARE YOU CONFIRMING MINISTER HATOYAMA'S STATEMENT?

A. I DO NOT TAKE ISSUE WITH IT. IN VIEW OF THE PRIVACY ACT I CANNOT BE MORE SPECIFIC.

2. QUESTIONS ABOVE WERE SUBMITTED BY JULIE MOON (U.S.-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE). IN ANSWERING THEM AT NOON BRIEFING AUGUST 30, SPOKESMAN FOLLOWED GUIDANCE. AT MS. MOON'S REQUEST SPOKESMAN SAID HE WOULD LOOK FURTHER INTO MATTER, BUT DOUBTED HE WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE HER MUCH MORE INFORMATION. CHRISTOPHER

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